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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Works Committee  
FROM: Jon R. Oliphant, AICP, Planning & Development Director  
SUBJECT: Safe Routes to School Project Consideration  
DATE: August 2, 2018

IDOT recently announced a call for projects for its Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program. IDOT is accepting applications between September 24 and November 19 with an announcement of awards expected in March 2019. This year's program provides a full 100% reimbursement for eligible infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects. The maximum infrastructure award is \$200,000 and the cap on a non-infrastructure award is \$50,000. IDOT has indicated that preliminary engineering and any right-of-way acquisition costs must be completed for consideration of funding before any applications will be processed. Approximately \$5 million to \$6 million will be available statewide and this has historically been a very competitive program.

We previously received funding for the construction of a six-foot wide sidewalk connecting Route 8 with Beverly Manor School in 2012. An application was submitted during the last SRTS cycle in 2014 for the construction of a six-foot wide sidewalk on Bobolink connecting to Central Intermediate School. We did not receive funding for this project, which also included the replacement of a pedestrian bridge across the creek in Washington Estates and was subsequently completed along with other infrastructure improvements related to the tornado.

A sidewalk connecting Central Schools still appears to be a solid project. Staff requests feedback on any potential projects to submit, as sufficient time will be needed to complete the preliminary engineering and school data collection required as part of the application.

This is scheduled for discussion at the August 6 Public Works Committee meeting.